

Seven Cycles of Calls to Repentance

Joel 1:5—2:11

Joel 1:5-20			
#1	Call to Repent	⁵ Awake, you drunkards, and weep, and wail, all you drinkers of wine,	5-7
	Need to Repent	because of the sweet wine, for it is cut off from your mouth . . .	
#2	Call	⁸ Lament like a virgin wearing sackcloth for the bridegroom of her youth.	8-10
	Need	⁹ The grain ... and drink offering are cut off from the house of the LORD.	
#3	Call	¹¹ Be ashamed, O tillers of the soil; wail, O vinedressers,	11-12
	Need	for the wheat and the barley, because the harvest of the field has perished	
#4	Call	¹³ Put on sackcloth and lament, O priests; wail, O ministers of the altar ...	13
	Need	Because grain offering and drink offering are withheld from the house of your God.	
#5	Call	¹⁴ Consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the LORD your God, and cry out to the LORD.	14-18
	Need	¹⁵ Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is near ... ¹⁶ Is not the food cut off ... from the house of our God?	
#6	Repent!	¹⁹ To you, O LORD, I call.	19-20
	Need	For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and flame has burned all the trees of the field.	

Joel 2:1-17			
#7	Call	¹ Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, ² a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people... ⁴ Their appearance is like the appearance of horses, and like war horses they run ... like a powerful army drawn up for battle ... ⁷ Like warriors they charge; like soldiers they scale the wall. They march each on his way; they do not swerve from their paths ... ¹¹ The LORD utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the LORD is great and very awesome; who can endure it?	1-11
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#8	Repent!	¹² “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me ... ¹³ and rend your hearts and not your garments” ...for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. ¹⁴ Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? ¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶ gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders	12-17
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